

## DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

### GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

#### ✠ Prayer of the Week

God of law, help us to love you, and help us to love others as ourselves. God of love, help us to know down deep that we are loved. We are your people and know that your laws come from your love for us. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What is something that you loved about today? What is something that you did not love today?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God called the people to repent, to change their ways. What was a change you made today? What is a change you want to make tomorrow?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Daniel gets locked up in a lions' den. But Daniel trusted that God will save him. When did you need to trust someone today? When did someone have to trust you?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Go in a circle and pray for one change that you need help making.

### CLOSING

✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You have been marked by the love of God forever. Amen."

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Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

—Jeremiah 31:34

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God of the people, you put your word on our hearts and food in our bodies. Help us, Lord, so we can be about your service and love in our lives. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to ponder as you read: **What are the people doing in comparison to what God is doing in the stories?**

Sunday	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34	A New Covenant
Monday	Jeremiah 39:11-18	Jeremiah Is Set Free
Tuesday	Jeremiah 42:7-16	Jeremiah Advises the People to Stay
Wednesday	Jeremiah 44:1-10	The People Still Worship Idols
Thursday	Daniel 1:1-17	Israelites in the Babylonian Court
Friday	Daniel 3:1-18	The Golden Image
Saturday	Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28	Daniel Interprets the Writing on the Wall
Sunday	Daniel 6:6-27	Hope in the Lions' Den

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

### SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Make a list of the house rules, and put them on the fridge front and center. Let them be a reminder to you of how we are to be in service to one another.